SALISBURY URBAN SANITARY AUTHORITY.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT for the Year 1900.

Births during 1900	...	...	...	386	Deaths during 1900	...	...	...	266*
,, ,, 1899	...	...	...	334	,, ,, 1899	...	...	...	325
,, ,, 1898	...	...	...	368	,, ,, 1898	...	...	...	277
,, ,, 1897	...	...	...	363	,, ,, 1897	...	...	...	220
,, ,, 1896	...	...	...	387	,, ,, 1896	...	...	...	272
,, ,, 1895	...	...	...	405	,, ,, 1895	...	...	...	265
,, ,, 1894	...	...	...	396	,, ,, 1894	...	...	...	277
,, ,, 1893	...	...	...	414	,, ,, 1893	...	...	...	275
,, ,, 1892	...	...	...	382	,, ,, 1892	...	...	...	302
Birth Rate for 1900	...	...	...	25·7	Death Rate for 1900	...	...	...	16·1
,, ,, 1899	...	...	...	22·2	,, ,, 1899	...	...	...	21·6
,, ,, 1898	...	...	...	24·5	,, ,, 1898	...	...	...	18·4
,, ,, 1897	...	...	...	24·2	,, ,, 1897	...	...	...	14·6
,, ,, 1896	...	...	...	25·1	,, ,, 1896	...	...	...	18·1
,, ,, 1895	...	...	...	26·9	,, ,, 1895	...	...	...	17·6
,, ,, 1894	...	...	...	26·4	,, ,, 1894	...	...	...	18·4
,, ,, 1893	...	...	...	25·2	,, ,, 1893	...	...	...	18·3
,, ,, 1892	...	...	...	23·8	,, ,, 1893	...	...	...	20·1

* Deducting 24 who were brought from outside the district. Total 242.

Deaths from Zymotic Diseases during			1900	...	...	...	...	45
,,	,,	,,	1899	...	...	...	...	52
,,	,,	,,	1898	...	...	...	...	24
,,	,,	,,	1897	...	...	...	...	18
,,	,,	,,	1896	...	...	...	...	24
,,	,,	,,	1895	...	...	...	...	6
,,	,,	,,	1894	...	...	...	...	18
,,	,,	,,	1893	...	...	...	...	11
,,	,,	,,	1892	...	...	...	...	26

Particulars as to the above during 1900.

	Phthisis.	Diarrhœa.	Measles.	Diphtheria.	Influenza.
St. Edmund's	3	2	1	—	—
St. Martin's	1	4	1	2	—
St. Thomas'	1	—	—	1	—
The Close	—	—	—	—	—
Fisherton	6	—	—	1	2
Milford	5	3	1	—	1
Infirmary	6	1	—	3	—
	—	—	—	—	—
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Notification of Infectious Diseases, 1900.

	Scarlatina.	Erysipelas.	Laryngitis.	Scarlet Fever.	Diphtheria.	Enteric Fever.
St. Edmund's	3	—	—	1	1	—
St. Martin's	16	1	—	5	6	—
St. Thomas'	1	2	—	1	1	1
The Close	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fisherton Within	2	4	—	2	—	—
Milford Within	—	—	1	—	—	—
Infirmary	—	2	—	1	1	—

Birth-rate is rather above the average.

Death-rate. The death rate is lower for this last year than it has been for 10 years, excepting the year 1897.

Notification of Infectious Diseases. This important act has been carried out most satisfactorily, and without the slightest friction with the medical men practising in the city. All cases reported have been enquired into, and where necessary the Sanitary Inspector has disinfected and has provided disinfectants for home use. There have been a good many cases of scarlatina and scarlet fever, but no fatal ones during the year. Every possible precaution is taken to prevent the diseases spreading, but as there is no hospital for isolating cases it is a very difficult matter to prevent infectious complaints running through families. There were nine cases of diphtheria during the year, seven of which proved fatal. No cause could be assigned to the attacks. Three of the cases were under 5 years of age, 4 under 15 years of age.

House-to-House Visitation. This has been carefully carried out, and where any case arose requiring it I immediately visited such places and have taken such steps as were possible to remedy sanitary defects. The following notices have been served, and in every case the nuisance has been remedied.

Notices.

To open and cleanse drains	32
To properly trap drains	15
To abate overflowing water closets	16
To repair and make good water closets	10
To cleanse and lime wash dirty houses	14
To pave and make good yards and courts	12
To remove offensive accumulations	12
Overcrowding of houses	4
Destroying commodities condemned as unfit for human food	4
Disinfection of infected houses	25
To make good and repair defective shootings and stackpipes	16

Dairies, Milk Shops, and Cowsheds. The Dairies have been carefully inspected and found to be clean, and the utensils are kept in a proper condition. The Milk Shops are well conducted and well ventilated. A few cowsheds still exist in the City, but in my opinion they should be abolished. They are clean and well kept, but for the welfare of the cows and for the production of better milk they should not be allowed in the City at all.

Bakehouses are regularly visited, and when necessary cleansing and white-washing have been ordered, and these orders have been immediately complied with.

Slaughter-houses.

These have been regularly visited also and as far as possible, in the limited space obtainable in the midst of the City, the requirements are carried out.

Common Lodging-houses.

The two Common Lodging Houses have been daily inspected and no cause is found for complaint.

Offensive Trade Processes do not exist.

Water Supply is good and continuous and the Analyst's reports quite satisfactory.

Street Cleaning is perfectly satisfactory.

Closing Schools.

Only St. Mark's School has been closed for a short time during the year for an epidemic of measles.

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